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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MILITARY SALES AND GENERAL WEYAND'S VISIT

REF: BUCHAREST 3953

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH ISA (ELLSWORTH) GENERAL WEYAND'S VISIT AND APPROACH TO MILITARY SALES QUESTION. THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH APPROACH PRETTY MUCH AS YOU OUTLINED IN PARA THREE REFTEL (EXCEPT THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE SPECIFIC OPENING AT THIS TIME EVEN FOR "NON-LETHAL" MILITARY SALES).

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR FURTHER THOUGHTS ON TACTICAL HANDLING OF PROBLEM GENERAL WEYAND WILL FACE. WOULD WE BE MORE LIKELY TO STEER ROMANIANS OFF THE MILITARY SALES ISSUE BY HAVING WEYAND CLOSE OFF DISCUSSION BY REFERENCE TO POLITICAL, MILITARY AND LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN ANY MILITARY SALES TO WARSAW PACT
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MEMBER, OR DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MOVE TO PUT THEM ON DEFENSIVE BY ASKING THEM TO OUTLINE RATIONALE BEHIND THEIR REQUEST? IF THE LATTER, WOULD YOU ENVISAGE WEYAND'S PITCHING EXPLORATION OF RATIONALE TO YOU, OR

HIS ASKING FOR IT FROM HIS MILITARY COLLEAGUES? WE ARE
INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT A FULL SHUTOFF OF ANY DISCUSSION

OF MILITARY SALES IS PREFERABLE, WITH CLOSING LINE TO
EFFECT THAT WE ARE GIVING SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO
REQUESTS FOR MILITARY-RELATED ITEMS FOR USE IN SPACE
ACTIVITIES.

3. WOULD IT BE ADVISABLE FOR YOU TO SIGNAL GOR IN
ADVANCE THAT GENERAL WEYAND WILL NOT BE DISCUSSING SALES
OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT? MAW

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